



**Academic Affairs Council Meeting
January 14, 2025
Summary and Action Items**

- **Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement** – Dr. Steven Rayburn provided an overview of Texas State University's (TXST) ongoing efforts to achieve the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. To support this pursuit, Dr. Rayburn indicated that emails containing pertinent questions aimed at gathering comprehensive information regarding community engagement efforts will be sent to deans, department chairs/school directors, and center directors.
- **Enrollment Targets** – Discussion was held amongst the group regarding fall 2025 overall freshman enrollment targets. With comprehensive strategies in place to expand access, we are poised for continued growth, aiming for 9,000 freshmen and 42,000 total students by Fall 2025.
- **FDL and Supplemental Awards** – Dr. Aswath announced that a total of 65 FDL applications submitted this year; out of these 54 applications were approved and 11 were not approved. This year saw a more rigorous review of applications. Additionally, ten supplemental awards were given.
- **Budget Hearings** – Mr. Brendan Scott provided guidance to the deans on the information needing to be submitted through SharePoint for the upcoming March 7 budget hearings.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:

- Fall 2025 freshmen applications surpassed 40,000 last week; currently we are at 41,096

Undergraduates	Spring 2024	Spring 2025	Difference
FTIC	194	243	49 or 25%
New Transfers	804	987	183 or 22%

- Spring 2025 37,356 (record pace)

Students Cancelled	813	650	163	
Students Ext	518	1,229	711	

Dr. Beverly Woodson-Day reviewed the events surrounding Bobcat Admitted Student Experience, Discover TXST Round Rock and Admitted Student Fridays. She addressed questions and concerns from the deans.

- **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:
 - Dr. Golato thanked all programs for their recruitment efforts.
 - For spring 2025, overall graduate acceptances are up 29.7% and registrations are up 42.7%.
 - RRC applications are about the same as last year.
 - AOP – 382 applications with 210 acceptances and 161 attending
 - 716 international applications (an increase of 97 from last year); five fewer students than last year were admitted and 13 fewer than last year enrolled
 - There is an increase in summer and fall 2025 applications as well as an increase for fall with international students

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- Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman made the deans aware of an issue that has recently occurred regarding faculty start-up packages. A new section in start-up funds requests has been added to address the facilities needs for new faculty. Dr. Aswath emphasized the importance of discussing start-up needs with candidates during their campus interviews and showcasing the available space and equipment for their research. The deans were asked to communicate this information to their department chairs/school directors.